



Te Ao Mārama waiata

Kaitito: Dave Para

Kaitito rangi: Kereti Rautangata

Momo: Waiata whakangāhau

This waiata was written by Dave Para, a prolific composer responsible for many well-known Māori waiata, including the growing popular song 'You're magic'. The waiata was written to pay homage to the kaupapa of Te Ao Mārama and was gifted to Chief District Court Judge Heemi Taumaunu as a 'waiata whakangāhau' or song of entertainment and acknowledgement.

I te tīmatanga ko te pō
Ko te pō pouri ... te pō roa
Ko te pō kerekere
Te pō tangotango ... auē!

In the beginning was the night
the dark night, the long night
the extensive darkness
The intensive darkness

Ka kimihia he huarahi
He ara ngākau mārie
Kia toro te tika
Te pono ... ā-tangata

In the pursuit of a means
a holistic genuine pathway
to seek the truth and justice
and the sincerity of humankind

Whārikitia te papa Ture
Ki ngā kupu taunaki e
Huakina ngā aukati a Ture e..

Lay the woven foundations of the Law
to enable supportive narratives
Uncover the barriers of the Law

Kia ai ki te kōrero
Mā te Ture ... te Ture e āki
Kia whiti mai rā.
Kia puta Te Ao Mārama

In accordance with the words
"The Law ... will be upheld by the law"
So, the enlightenment may strive
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